Domestic demand and supply of Naptha

2503. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the current policy of Government on allocation of domestic naptha to power projects;

(b) particulars of proposals approved/ pending from power companies for allocation of domestic naptha; and

(c) what is the projections for domestic demand and supply of naptha for the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) A number of applications for allocation of domestic naphtha are received from various companies which propose to set up power projects. These are processed in consultation with the Oil Companies, the Oil Coordination Committee and the Ministry of Power. Allocation is made on the recommendation of the Ministry of Power. All efforts are made to expedite the decision on the applications.

The projections for domestic demand and supply of naptha for next five years are yet to be firmed up.

Proposal for setting up Food Processing Industries in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

2504. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to set up Food Processing Industries in Andaman and Nicobar Islands for marine projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) While there is no specific Scheme exclusively for Andaman & Nicobar Islands, this Ministry is operating a Scheme for providing assistance for setting up of infrastructural facilities for preservation and processing of fish, under which financial assistance to the extent of 50% of the capital cost is admissible as grant-in-aid. Under this Scheme, a sum of Rs. 28.435 lakhs and Rs 69 75 lakhs has been provided to M/s. Andaman & Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Limited during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94 respectively.

(c) Does not arise.

Funds earmarked for forestry

2505. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds earmarked for forestry during the Eighth Five year plan period;

(b) the year-wise amount allotted to different States out of that;

(c) the steps taken to implement the programmes pertaining to forestry by each State during the Eighth Five year Plan; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The financial allocations for afforestation and tree planting activities have been finalised by the Planning Commission in consultation with the Ministry of Environment and Forests and the State Governments for the Eighth Plan Period (1992—97). Details of State-wise allocations for the last three years are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 175, Annexure No. 58]

(c) and (d) Afforestation and tree planting activities are carried out throughout the country under the Twenty Point Programme subject to the overall availability of funds under the Central and State Plans. These activities are taken up under various schemes of the

State Forest Departments and other concerned Departments as also under the schemes of the Central Government, like the Integrated Afforestation and Eco Development Projects Scheme, Fuelwood and Fodder Projects Scheme, Non-Timber Forest Produce Scheme and Seed Development Scheme of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, the Integrated Wastelands Development Projects Scheme, Desert Development Programme and Drought Prone Areas Programme of the Ministry of Rural Development, Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Projects Scheme of the Ministry of Agriculture etc. Similarly, afforestation and tree planting activities are also carried out under the externally aided projects being implemented by State Governments. The targets and achievements of the State Governments/UTs for the first three years of Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-93 to 1994-95) and targets for 1995-96 are given in the Annexure.

[*See* Appendix 175, Annexure No-59]

Bids received from foreign and Indian companies for exploration of oil

2506. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bids so far received for oil exploration work in respect of large, medium and small oil fields from Indian and foreign companies;

(b) how many of them have been evaluated and contracts awarded to Indian and joint ventures for each oil field and the details thereof;

(c) what progress has so far been made in the exploration work in each oil field and the expenditure incurred in each case; and

(d) whether ONGC is entering into joint ventures with foreign companies in exploration work abroad and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) Under the two offers made for development of medium and small sized fields in August 1992 and October, 1993, a total of 117 and 54 bids respectively were received.

(b) Under the first offer made in August 1992, contracts for development of 13 small sized and five medium sized fields have been signed. Details are given in Statement I. (*See* below). The proposals received under the second offer made in October 1993 are yet to be finalised.

(c) Field-wise details are given in Statement-II. (*See* below).

(d) ONGC Videsh Ltd. (ONGC-VL), a wholly owned subsidiary of ONGC, has entered into a farm in agreement with British Gas (BG) for 50% undivided interest in North Zaafarana concession (excluding an area known as Zaafarana Development Lease) in the northern part of Gulf of Suez in Egypt. ONGC-VL will pay 100% of the costs to drill, test and complete a well upto a cost limit. In addition, 50% of the cost of 3D Seismic survey conducted over the prospect area will also be paid to BG.

ONGC-VL signed a Production Sharing Contract with Petro Vietnam in May 1988 for exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons in blocks 6, 12E and 19 for a period of 25 years. During the exploration Phase-II from October 1992 to November 1994, ONGC-VL carried out the exploration activities in partnership with BP Exploration Operating Company (BP), UK and Den Norske State Oljeselskap A.S. (Statoil), Norway. BP and Statoil have 45% participating interest in this venture. ONGC-VL has signed a Farm out Agreement with M/s Command Petroleum for their onshore block known as Fejaj permit in Tunisia, with